

the gaseous diffusion plants under this alternative. Impacts resulting from a transportation accident and effects on the global commons are analyzed and shown to be minimal.

The analysis of severe accidents for all alternatives indicates that potentially fatal exposures to hydrofluoric acid (HF) could result if a cylinder were to fall and be punctured while its UF₆ contents were temporarily in liquid form (heated) for purposes of sampling; however, the probability of such accidents is very low. In addition, administrative and procedural controls are in place at Portsmouth and Paducah to protect against such accidents, and emergency response procedures have been established to reduce or eliminate potential health effects to workers, neighboring populations and the environment.

In terms of socioeconomic effects, the greatest impact to the domestic uranium industry would occur under Alternative 2, selling all of the Department's surplus uranium for domestic use in a single year. This alternative could result in an estimated 46–53 percent decrease in domestic employment in the uranium production industry or a projected decrease of from 295 to 410 workers nationwide for that one year. The potential socioeconomic impacts of the proposed action would be substantially less than those anticipated from Alternative 2, because the sale of uranium in the proposed action would occur over a number of years, thereby minimizing any potential impacts on the domestic uranium industry. Under the proposed action, the overall employment level will still be expected to increase above 1995 employment levels.

In terms of cumulative impacts, the uranium that would be introduced into the market under the proposed action, when added to the uranium available as a result of other government actions considered in the EA (e.g., U.S. HEU blend down, Russian HEU Agreement, etc.), would not significantly affect the domestic uranium market and industry because demand is projected to increase for the near-term and DOE's sales are dependent upon existing market conditions. In addition, for DOE to sell the uranium from its inventory (which is all but 14.2 million pounds of the 35.7 million pounds proposed for sale or disposition), the Secretary must determine that the sale will not have an adverse material impact on the domestic uranium industry. Such determinations may be made on a periodic basis (for example, for all contemplated sales over a certain period), as opposed to a sale-by-sale basis. The requirement for a

determination prior to sales of inventory uranium operates as a mitigation measure against potential adverse material impacts on the domestic uranium industry. Thus, there will be no significant adverse cumulative impacts from the proposed action.

Finding

Based upon the information and analyses in the EA (DOE/EA-1172), the Department of Energy has determined that the proposed sale or disposition of the surplus uranium at Portsmouth and Paducah does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed action is not required.

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Terry R. Lash,
Director, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology, U.S. Department of Energy.
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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Tuesday, November 12, 1996: 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (public comment session).

ADDRESSES: The Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 North Onate Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87501, 505-988-3400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Los Alamos National Laboratory Citizens' Advisory Board Support, Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 Onate Street, Espanola, NM 87352, (800)753-8970, or (505)753-8970, or (505)262-1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Advisory Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda: Tuesday, November 12, 1996.

6:30 p.m.—Call to Order and Welcome
7:00 p.m.—Public Comment
7:30 p.m.—Old Business
8:30 p.m.—Sub-Committee Reports
9:30 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Ms. Ann DuBois, at (800) 753-8970. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday–Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to Herman Le-Doux, Department of Energy, Los Alamos Area Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87185-5400.

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Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Department of Energy, Los Alamos National Laboratory

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Los Alamos National Laboratory.

DATES: Wednesday, October 30, 1996: 6:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (public comment session).

ADDRESSES: The Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 North Onate Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Ann DuBois, Los Alamos National Laboratory Citizens' Advisory Board